

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1227 without my signature.

The availability of affordable housing within California is an issue about which I am deeply concerned. However, this measure would not alleviate this problem, but rather, could lead to increased litigation against our cities and counties. This bill is unnecessary since current law already protects against housing discrimination based on race, sex, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, lawful occupation, familial status, disability or age.

Taking away judicial discretion by mandating the payment of attorney's fees will simply encourage additional lawsuits.

For these reasons, I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger